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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 to 9 now stand in the application. Reconsideration and examination on the basis of the amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

As requested in the Office Action dated January 10, 2008, the claims have been amended to provide the proper status identifiers.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the feature that the user configurable settings include selection of one or more other systems or devices capable of receiving an event notification through assignment or one or more event notification paths based upon one or more of the nature of the event notification, the first external system or device and the one or more systems or devices. This amendment is supported in the application, for example, on page 9, lines 10-13 and page 15, lines 8-21. Claim 1 has also been amended to specify that the means to deliver the event notification is based upon the assignment of one or more event notification paths and that the details of the event notification including the nature of the event notification the first external system that generated the event notification and the one or more other systems or devices that receive the event notification are recorded. These amendments are also supported on page 9, lines 10-13 as well as on page 16.

Applicant, at this time, has inserted new Claims 3 to 9 directed to a preferred aspect of the event management system of the present invention. In particular, in dealing with the assignment of the event notification paths that additional textual and/or binary data may be associated with the event notification and where the system monitors the delivery status of the event notification. These amendments are supported in the specification on page 12, lines 27-33 and page 15, line 20 to page 16, line 28.

The Examiner had objected to Claims 1 and 2 as being unpatentable over Grant (US Patent 7,043,566) in view of Jennings (US Patent 7,191,244).

The present invention is directed to an event management system having an architecture that differentiates the event source from the events originating from that source thereby permitting a tremendous degree of control over the recognition, manipulation,

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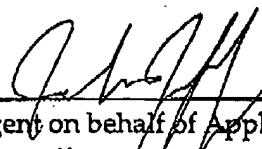
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assignment, notification and reporting of the individual event. Specifically, the system devices designated as a call point in the present application can be ascribed any number of attributes, properties and behaviors that are to be invoked or referenced when the related events are detected. As set out in the present application, the event management system of the present invention allows for comprehensive and multi-tiered programming of system settings including assignment of event notification paths between event generating devices and event receiving devices to provide intelligent event management notification between the systems devices. The system of the present invention is easily programmable and reprogrammable depending upon the requirements of the specific application and location where the system is used to provide for increased efficiencies and capabilities of the system.

It is respectfully submitted, that the combination of Grant and Jennings does not teach an event management system as set out in the presently amended claims. In particular, the combination does not suggest, let alone teach, an event management system with the feature of selecting one or more systems or devices capable of receiving an event notification through the selection or assignment of one or more event notification paths based upon the nature of the event notification, the first system or device generating the event and the one or more other systems or devices capable of receiving the event. It is also submitted that this combination also does not teach recording all of the details of the event notification as set forth in amended Claim 1. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that based upon the amendment, the claims of the application define a patentable invention over the cited art.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that in view of all of the foregoing, the claims of the application are allowable and early allowance is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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